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NEW ROADWAY . . . County and local officials participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday to mark the opening of the new four-lane, divided section of Crenshaw Boulevard between Palos Verdes Drive North and Silver Spur Road. Shown above, about to cut the ribbon, are (from left) Vernon Fey, mayor of Rolling Hills; Paul Gilmore, Rolling Hills Estates councilman; Supervisor Burton W. Chace; Irv Morhar, County Road Department; Jack Hopkins, vice mayor of Rolling Hills Estates; and Ed Gibb, mayor of Palos Verdes Estates. Prior to the improvement, the stretch of road had only two lanes and no curbs. (Press-Herald Photo)

\$2.5 Million Released For Renewal Purchases

Federal Agency Releases Funds After Meeting

Federal funds for the purchase of properties for the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project were made available Thursday following a quick conference between city officials and representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUD).

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro told the Press-Herald early Friday that \$2.5 million will be available to the city early this week—subject only to a "review of the city's ability to spend it."

The announcement that funds — which had been frozen by HUD officials since last Oct. 25 when the city council ordered a special election on an anti-urban petition — came following a meeting in San Francisco.

ATTENDING the meeting were Ferraro, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, City Treasurer Thomas Rupert, and Redevelopment Agency official Richard Wheeler.

Ferraro said property worth \$549,000 is due to come out of escrow within the next several days. In addition, 10 more escrows are pending. They will require about \$500,000 more, he said.

The city manager, who also serves as executive director of the Redevelopment Agency, said HUD officials have "given the city a green light to speed up the project."

THE CITY'S acquisition program was halted in late October when Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT) presented two petitions to the city council.

One of the petitions called for the repeal of the city's Uniform Housing Code and the second sought to disband the Redevelopment Agency, thus halting the Meadow Park Project.

Councilmen agreed to call a special election on the two issues, then later put the housing code measure on the ballot for next April.

BEFORE councilmen could set a date for a special election, a taxpayers' suit seeking to declare the Redevelopment Agency measure invalid was filed. Last Oct. 31, Superior Court Judge Ralph Nutter issued an order restraining the city from setting a date for the special election.

Judge Nutter heard arguments on the measure Nov. 24 and issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the election, declaring that the state has pre-empted the procedure for abolishing a redevelopment agency.

The judge then gave ACT 15 days in which to file an answer to the taxpayers' suit. That deadline will expire Dec. 11.

FOLLOWING the court action, Councilmen voted to reconsider their action of Oct. 24, when they ordered the election. Last Tuesday, the council unanimously voted to refuse to place the measure on the ballot and ordered the petition filed.

HUD officials had refused prior to Tuesday to say whether such an action on the part of the council would free federal funds to finance the project. The federal agency agreed, however, to make the monies available Thursday.

The \$2.5 million to be given the city this week is part of a grant and loan worth an estimated \$9.5 million. A grant of \$3.4 million has been approved by the federal government and the city also has been granted a (See RENEWAL, Page A-2)

IN JANUARY

Planning Study Scheduled Here

"Torrance Today and the City Tomorrow" will be the theme of a special session on city planning to be sponsored by the Torrance League of Women Voters.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Highlight of the event will be a narrated bus tour of the city.

Following the tour, participants will return to the Del Amo Financial Center, where Edgardo Contini, a distinguished architect and planner, will address the group.

Contini has been a partner in Victor Gruen Associates since 1951 and is best known in this area as the designer of the huge Del Amo Financial Center. He also planned the successful downtown revitalization projects in Rochester, N. Y., and Fresno.

Also active in the academic field, Contini currently is a visiting critic on the faculty of the USC School of Architecture and is serving on the panel of visitors for the UCLA School of Architecture Urban Design Program.

"It is our hope to draw together all segments of the community — government officials, business leaders, and interested citizens — for an exchange of ideas and goals for Torrance," Mrs. James Van Oppen, president of the Torrance League, said.

Police Add Four Men To Ranks

Four officers of the Torrance Police Department have completed recruit training at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy. They are: Frederick B. Louk, 21. Born in Albany, N. Y., he was graduated from Junipero Serra High School and attended El Camino College and California State College in Long Beach.

George Kudokas, 29, native of Kaunas, Lithuania, was graduated from St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a veteran of two years with the U. S. Army.

John A. Senger, 25. Born in Memel, East Germany, he was graduated from Bloomington High in Illinois and is a veteran of four years in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Ronald E. Traber, 24. A graduate of El Segundo High School, he attended Santa Monica and El Camino Colleges. He is a member of the Army National Guard.

The 16-week course at the training academy included instruction in criminal law, civil rights, control of civil rights, control of civil disobedience, patrol procedures, defense tactics, court demeanor, first aid, public relations, rules of evidence, firearms, disaster training, ethics and professionalization, traffic functions, and handling of mentally ill persons.

The four officers have been assigned to the patrol division.



WILLIAM B. BORDEAUX
Toastmasters' President

Area Club Elects New President

William B. Bordeaux has been elected president of the International Airport Toastmasters Group.

A four-year member of Toastmasters International, Bordeaux has served two terms on the 42 Los Angeles Toastmaster Clubs Executive Staff as editor and director of the Speakers Bureau.

Employed by Ronald Moran, Inc., in Hermosa Beach, Bordeaux is the South Bay publicity chairman for the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Board of Directors of the Law Enforcement and Community Recognition Association of Los Angeles County. He also is a charter member and past secretary of the Torrance Active 20-30 Club.

An active participant in civic affairs, he served as publicity chairman of the 1966 Boy Scout Parade of the Los Angeles Area Council. In addition, he is a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff reserve motorcycle officer.

Bordeaux and his wife Darlene are the parents of a son. The family lives in Torrance and attends the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

Motorcycle Program Scheduled

A program on motorcycle safety will be presented tomorrow at the luncheon meeting of the Torrance Safety Council.

Members and guests will gather at 12 noon in the Indian Village to hear Dick Swart, assistant manager, Public Safety Department, of the Automobile Club.

Those arriving 15 minutes early may view a short film entitled "Stay Alive." The film deals with the problems of high school driver education.

Guitars Found

Six area teenagers have been arrested by Torrance police in the recent disappearance of five guitars from Music Mart, 3914 Sepulveda Blvd. The boys, ranging in age from 15 to 17, are accused of entering the store on the night of Nov. 18 and taking the instruments, worth \$775.

License Board Suggests Alternate Route, Dates

Torrance residents may be treated this year to a Christmas Day parade — to protest the war in Vietnam.

The Christmas date was suggested Friday by members of the Torrance License Review Board, when members of South Bay Vietnam Summer failed to show up for the hearing on their parade request. The hearing had been ordered by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ralph H. Nutter after the Torrance City Council had voted down

the parade request without a formal hearing.

The group of protestors, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, had sought to hold their anti-war demonstration Saturday, Dec. 16, during the height of the shopping rush. The applicants had sought to hold the anti-Vietnam War march down crowded Hawthorne Boulevard, a request termed "obnoxious" by Mayor Albert Ison.

THE TORRANCE License Review Board ruled out both the desired time and place of the parade, but suggested a number of alternatives.

Hawthorne Boulevard, they said, was vetoed because of heavy traffic, lack of detour routes, a new city ordinance banning parades on that street, and word from the state's district permit engineer who said that protestors could only use the street between the hours of dawn and 10 a.m.

Torrance Boulevard, which has a schedule for parades already worked out, was suggested as an alternate parade route.

THE REQUESTED date, Dec. 16, was also ruled "in-

appropriate." Board members said they would approve a parade request for Sunday, Dec. 17, or Christmas Day. Any Sunday in January would also be considered reasonable.

The board also ruled that a \$500 license fee would be required to partially offset the estimated cost of the parade—\$3,900.

The protest group would have to supply 25 portable toilets at a cost of about \$25 each and would have to submit to certain restrictions recommended by the police for crowd control.

Vietnam Summer has estimated that 5,000 persons will participate in the parade.

City Plunge Tops National Average

Red Cross swimming certificates have been issued at the Torrance City Plunge at a rate of more than four times the national average for public swimming pools, the American National Red Cross reports.

A total of 1,499 certificates were awarded during the summer season.

Three Men Arrested In Theft

FBI agents have arrested three men in connection with the Halloween theft of 319 cases of Scotch Whisky weighing seven tons and valued at \$35,000.

The Scotch was stolen from parked vans at an unguarded berth of the Metropolitan Terminal, where it was en route to a Los Angeles distributor.

Arrested Wednesday were Kenneth Dale Alcorn, 26, a newspaper pressman, of 18403 Eriel Ave.; Larry R. Botsford, 29, a longshoreman, of 523 E. 244th St., Wilmington; and Ronald Pryor, 24, an apprentice pressman, of 529 E. 244th St., Wilmington.

Bail was set at \$1,000 each. Maximum penalty for this type of crime is 10 years in jail, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

Honors at Entrance Given Trio

Three Torrance students have been accorded Honors at Entrance at the University of California, Berkeley.

They are Sharyl Lynn Adams, David Wilson Brown, and Susan Lynn Peterson.

A total of 560 new freshmen at Berkeley received the honors, given for excellent academic records in high school.

Stolen Goods Abandoned In Back Alley

Burglars helped themselves to \$2,000 worth of office equipment at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday night, but left most of it sitting in a cardboard box outside the building.

After inspecting the ransacked office, Chamber General Manager J. Walker Owens told police that the only thing missing was a \$40 transistor radio.

Burglars apparently entered through the rear door, police said, and removed the goods over the patio wall with the aid of a ladder.

The \$1,960 worth of office machines were found abandoned on a walkway near the back alley.



JOINING THE TEAM . . . Torrance Police Chief Walter R. Koenig (center) welcomes four new officers to the force following their graduation from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy. Shown above are Frederick Louk Jr., John Senger, Ronald Traber, and George Kudokas. The four new officers will be assigned to the patrol division.